

Joseph Jacobs' Place

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Hyrum Oaks was one of the first settlers of Provo Valley and eventually took up ground at the mouth of Daniels Canyon, from where you can look out over the valley. Tom Brown, a relative, lived down in the creek bottoms where he could raise garden crops, sweet potatoes, and peanuts. Hyrum Oaks went through the canyon into Strawberry Valley to cut wild hay for his stock. In 1879, Hyrum, with the help of William Bethers, surveyed a canal at the north end of Strawberry Valley with a spirit-level and plumb-bob to bring water over into Daniels Canyon by way of McQuire. He also operated a sawmill. Joe Jacobs lived just above the homes of Oaks, and Jim Ivie near the present site of the Strawberry headgate. Ben Bromley and his family lived on the flat at the mouth of Bromley Hollow in a long two-roomed dirt-roofed cabin. Eli Gordon lived farther up the creek, then came Sven Bjorkman's; above them Ab Shelton, and Bob and Liza Winterton Giles had built their homes. John Winterton lived on Indian Flat which he fenced with brush, made a road against the hill, and farmed for two years before he left the valley.